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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1885.

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DR.
FONTS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.
" 6 " " 4% " "
" 12 " " 5% "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day authorized Mr. JACOB SILAS MOSES to Sign our Firm in Hongkong.

E. D. SASOON & CO.
Hongkong, March 20, 1885. 488

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwriters with a copy of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1884, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of MARCH instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 363

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the 5th day of February, 1885, under "The Indian Companies Act, 1860," whereof the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amounts not paid up on their shares.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION DOLLARS
in 20,000 SHARES of \$100 EACH;
PAYABLE \$5 PER SHARE ON APPLICATION
AND \$15 ON ALLOTMENT.

Further calls not to exceed \$20 per share nor to be made payable at less intervals than three months.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours—Week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer their funds to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if desired, on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fee by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,
CORK JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 333

Local Advisers:

MESSRS. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.

Temporary Office:

SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILDINGS.

Secretary, (Pro Tem.)

ALEXANDER GENTLE, Esq.

THIS Company is formed for the purpose of taking Fire Insurance risks in the Straits Settlements and elsewhere; with a special view to meet local wants and to avail itself of local information and experience.

Applications for shares may be sent accompanied with a deposit of 35 for each share applied for, to any of the Branches or Agencies of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, &c., to The New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

Applications from the Straits Settlements, Malay States, Netherlands India, Sumatra, Siam, Saigon and Borneo must reach Singapore on or before 15th March next; from Japan, China, Philippines, Burma and India on or before 7th April next, and from Europe, Australia or elsewhere, on or before 15th May next.

To applicants to whom no allotment of shares is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and in case of application by any applicant for more shares than are allotted to him, the extra deposit will be applied in payment of the amounts due on the allotment of his shares.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for share can be obtained on application to any of the above mentioned Banks, to the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary (Pro Tem.) of the Company.

Singapore, 6th February, 1885. 348

Notice to Shareholders.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, at the Rate of £22 Two Pounds Sterling per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 348

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW SUPPLY

OF

CALCUTTA PITH

Helmets and Sun Hats.

THIS SEASON'S PARCEL

contains

A LARGE VARIETY OF NEW SHAPES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE REMOVING TO THE
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
on

1st April,

ENTRANCE FROM

QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 433

ROBERT LANG & CO.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HATS.

A large assort-
ment of Christy's
Felt Hats, always in
Stock in all the
newest styles.

CLOTHING.

Tweeds.
Coatings.
Trousers.
Serges.
Flannels.

SHIRTS.

Having completed
our arrangements we
can now make to
order White Dress
Shirts, equal to home
manufacture.

HOSEY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS,
BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1884, of \$3 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held To-day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from TO-MORROW. DIVIDEND WARRANTS are being sent to Shareholders by Post.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 18, 1885. 478

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP,
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LAT-

TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROURES.)

To the urgent request of his European

Banks, &c., have recently been

much enlarged and improved and is now

one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated

and have just been refurnished in a

most comfortable and handsome manner,

suited to the requirements of the Far

East.

The accommodation and service of every

kind will be found to be of the best de-

scription.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HÔTE is

always provided and served in the spa-

cious, airy Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and

comfortable reception, Reading, and

Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, con-

venience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE and HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1659

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are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 348

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Move into their new
premises

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
on

1st APRIL NEXT,

WHEN they propose selling STORES
and other RETAIL ARTICLES at
the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH,

and giving the benefits of the Co-operative
Store system to the Public without the
necessity of Membership. Detailed Prices
will be furnished upon application.

—o—

CHASSE & CO.'S STORES.

JOHN MOIR & SONS, LIMITED,

OILMAN'S STORES.

J. T. MORTON'S

OILMAN'S STORES.

MACONACHE BROTHERS'

Lovestoft

OILMAN'S STORES.

AMERICAN

OILMAN'S STORES.

WINES, &c.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts.

12ES. GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

GODFREY'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEFORD WHISKY.

BOGD'S OLD TOM.

E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

Ross's LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOILI FRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKY.

MARSALA.

EASTERN AMERICAN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

draught ale and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

Agents for:

Messrs. W. & J. GILDEY'S

WINES AND SPIRITS.

MILNER'S

PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES.

Messrs. TURNBULL, JER, and SOMERVILLE'S

MALTESE CIGARETTES.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 431

Intimations.

SULPHOLINE LOTION.

A External Means of CURING SKIN

DISEASES. There is scarcely any

operation but will yield to 'Sulpholine' in a

few days, and commence to fade away, even

if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, scars, roughness, vanity

as if by magic; while old, enduring skin

disorders, that have plagued the sufferers

for years, however deeply rooted they may

be, 'Sulpholine' will successfully attack

them. It destroys the animalcules which

cause these unsightly, irritable, painful

affections, and always produces a clear,

healthy, natural condition of the skin.

'Sulpholine' Lotion is sold by most Ch

emists. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Made only by J.

FERRAR & CO., London.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

D. R. KING'S DANDELION & QUININE

LIVER PILLS (without Mercury).

THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUS-

NESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT,

FLUORENCE PAINS BETWEEN THE

SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIF-

FERATION, ACCIDENT, HEADACHE,

DIARRHOEA, &c. Various symptoms of

disturbed liver and dyspepsia are al-

leged by many eminent surgeons to be the

safest and mildest pills for every constitu-

tion. In boxes, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 9d., and

4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the

world.

PEPPER'S QUININE & IRON TONIC

POUSES and develops the nervous ener-

gy, enriches the blood, promotes

appetite, dispels languor and depression, for

the digestive organs. Is a specific

remedy for neuralgia, indigestion fevers,

chest affections, and in wasting diseases,

scrofulous tendencies, &c. The whole

frame is greatly invigorated by Pepper's

Tonic, the mental faculties brightened, the

constitution greatly strengthened, and a re-

turn to robust health certain. Bottles, 3s.

32d., 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists every-

where. Made only by J. PEPPER & CO.,

London.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

THIS fluid combination, extracted from

medicinal roots, is now used instead

of blue pills and calomel for the cure of

dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of

congestion of the liver, which are generally

permitted, the children, the invalids, the

downsies, no sceptics, furred tongue, dis-

agreeable taste in the morning, delusions,

disturbance of the stomach, and feeling of

general depression. It is the safest medi-

cine. Taraxacum and Podophylin is a

fluid made only by J. PEPPER, Bedford

Laboratory, London, whose name is on

every label. Bottles, 2s. 9d. Sold by all

Chemists.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR

RESTORE.

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few

days completely bring back the na-

tural colour. The effect is superior to that

produced by a direct dye, and does not

injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d.

Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive

hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR

RESTORE.

IS the best for restoring gray hair to its

former colour. It produces a perfectly

natural shade, and is quite harmless. Valu-

able for destroying scurf and encouraging

growth of new hair. Sold everywhere.

1s. 6d.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Yangtze,
Capt. F. SCHULZ, will be
dispatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at
noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, March 21, 1885. 404

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL

The Co.'s Steamship
Belgenhof,
Captain FREEMAN, will be
dispatched an above on
WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents,
Hongkong, March 21, 1885. 405

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 24th March, 1885, at 2 p.m., at his Sales
Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN ASSEMBLY OF

JAPANESE WAR E,

COMPRISING:—

KANGA, IMAYI, KIOTO AND SATSUMA
VASES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, INCENSE
BURNERS, TEA AND COFFEE SETS, LACQUERED
WALL, ENAMELED WARE, GOLD AND SILVER
INLAID BRONZES, IVORY INLAID PANNELS,
EMBROIDERED AND EMBROIDERED SURRENS,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 21, 1885. 500

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
HONGKONG.

NOT Responsible for Debts.

NOTICE.—CHUNG WAH and CHUNG

FU, lately carrying on Business at

No. 11, Jervois Street, Victoria, Hongkong, under the Firm name of "LAI CHEONG

LUNG, DRAPERS, having been adjudged

BANKRUPT, filed a Petition for Adjudication

of No. 11, the 20th instant, by the

Chancery, Supreme Court House,

to Edward James ACKROYD,

Esq., in the Official Assignee, and

Messrs. DENYS & MOSCOV, as the Soli-

citors of the Bankrupt.

All Persons INDEBTED

THE CHINA MAIL

Tenants will be a full-dress parade of the Volunteers at Head Quarters, on Wednesday afternoon next, at 5.30, when Mr Sargent will present to the winners the prizes set at for the annual gun competition. The winners are:—64 pms., Lieut. J. McCallum; Howitzers, Gunner G. A. Cornish; and 12½-ton guns, Corp. H. H. Read.

The Manila *Comercio*, of the 12th instant, says:—“The necessary apparatus for the erection of three lights at the entrance to the port of Cebu, was sent by the steamer *Holm*, which left for that port to-day. The apparatus, we are informed, was sent from home by the merchants of Cebu, and brought out by the steamer *Willing-hale*.“

The Japan Herald of the 11th instant says:—“The necessary apparatus for the erection of three lights at the entrance to the port of Cebu, was sent by the steamer *Holm*, which left for that port to-day. The apparatus, we are informed, was sent from home by the merchants of Cebu, and brought out by the steamer *Willing-hale*.“

Count Kuroda has gone to Hongkong, and considerable curiosity is expressed as to his mission. Officially he is announced as travelling for his health, but as he is regarded as one of those members of the Cabinet who have warlike tendencies, the public believe that there is some ulterior object concealed.

The following is the Order of the Day for the Legislative Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 25th inst.:—

1. The Attorney General to move that the Council resume the consideration in Committee, of the Bill entitled “The Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1883.”

2. The Attorney General to move the second reading of a Bill entitled “The Married Women’s Disposition of Property Ordinance, 1883.”

3. The Attorney General to move the first reading of a Bill for the Incorporation of the Roman Catholic Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.

A report obtained currency to-day to the effect that a telegram had been received in town, stating that peace has practically been arranged between France and China. We have been unable to trace the source of the report, however, and are afraid that the wish for peace is the parent of the rumour. There can be little doubt, at the same time, that some progress has been made in the negotiations for a peaceful settlement.

The Daily Press published the following as an extra this evening:—

SHANGHAI, 21st March, 3.11.

Peace negotiations have been resumed with Li Hung-chang, who has memorialized the Throne for Imperial instructions.

THE SCOTTISHMAN of the 15th inst. publishes the following telegrams:—

“ADMISSION LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR.”

“Keeling, 8th March.”

“After four days forced march through the mountains and several brilliant engagements, Colonel D’Ucheune has taken and occupied all the Chinese positions. The enemy driven back on the Tansui road with considerable loss. We have taken two canoes, a number of guns, flags and munitions. Our troops have behaved magnificently; losses considerable.”

“GENERAL BRIGADE TO THE GOVERNOR.”

“Hainan, 11th March.”

“On the 23d February General Negrier went in pursuit of the Chinese army which had rallied on the frontier at a place called the ‘Gate of Huo.’”

“After several hours fighting he succeeded in completely routing them, capturing a Krupp battery, a battery of intralleus and immense stores of all sorts accumulated in two forts flanking the gate. General Negrier, on the following day, continued his reconnaissance six hours march into Chinese territory without further encountering the enemy.”

—*Pottery Gazette*.

On the 5th February last a Chinese broker named Chan Kau Sui, who resided at 279 Queen’s Road West, suddenly disappeared from the Colony without leaving a trace behind as to what had become of him. It was believed that the missing man was

about to start operations on a large scale in the colony for the manufacture of salt, one of the Chinese Government monopolies.

More recently information was received which led to the belief that the man had been forcibly, or by means of fraud, abducted from the Colony, and handed over to the Chinese authorities. This supposition has now been found to be correct, and a salt-dealer named Tong Asam has been arrested by the police and was this morning charged before Mr Wodehouse, at the Police Court (with having conspired, with other persons whose names are not known, on or about the 5th Feb., to forcibly take away Chan Kau Sui from the Colony for the purpose of handing him over to the Chinese authorities. The evidence of the missing man’s wife, Ching Atai, went to show that Chan Kau Sui was last seen by her on the morning of the 5th Feb., when he left his house in company with Tong Asam, the man arrested. Finding his husband did not return on the following day Ching Atai went round to the defendant’s house to make enquiries. There she was told to wait a few days and she would hear something about him. A few days after she again saw the defendant, and was again put off with the same story. On her third visit to the defendant’s house she was told that her husband was a prisoner in the hands of the Chinese authorities at Canton, but upon what charge she could not learn.

On the 10th Feb. she again visited the defendant, and was told that in the evening she would get a letter from her husband, and the same evening she actually did receive a letter from him, stating that he was imprisoned in the Namhoi Gaol in Canton, and giving a full account of his sufferings. The letter is at present in the hands of the Registrar General. Upon the receipt of this letter

Ching Atai reported the matter to the police.

On the 16th inst., a Chinese Christian named Sun Ping Un, instructed by a member of the Roman Catholic clergy in Hongkong, went to Canton to make inquiries concerning the missing man. He succeeded in gaining access to the Namhoi prison, and saw Chan Kau Sui confined there. Ching Atai’s evidence as to her husband having left his home on the morning of the 5th Feb. in company with the defendant was corroborated by Lau Akwei, a woman living in the next house.

Inspector Parry, who had charge of the case, informed His Worship that he had some further information concerning the case to obtain from a man at present in hospital, and the case was remanded for a week; the defendant, who it is believed has made about \$400 out of the transaction, was admitted to bail in two aucties of \$150 each.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR TOMORROW.—5TH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Cathedral.—8 a.m.—Parade Service, Morning Prayer & Sermon, Rev. O. Chestnut.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion, the Colonial Chaplain.

5.45 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, the Colonial Chaplain.

Garrison Theatre.—7.30 p.m.—Soldiers’ voluntary service, Rev. O. Ghoshnutt, Preacher, The Bishop.

St. Stephen’s Church (all Services in Chinese).—11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, &c., Revs. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat Sau, Preacher, The Bishop.

6.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, Revs. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat Sau.

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The Gospel of Dynamite.—The following is a list, with dates, of all the known dynamite outrages which have been committed in London.—March 15, 1883.—Explosions at the Local Government Board office and the Times office, October 30, 1883.—Explosions on the Underground Railway at Paddington and Westminster, February 26, 1884.—Explosion at Victoria Station, February 28, 1884.—Discovery of internal machines at Paddington and Charing-cross stations.—March 1, 1884.—Discovery of an internal machine at Ludgate Hill station, April 30, 1884.—Explosions in St. James’s Palace, 1-8a., and Scotland-yard, December 13, 1883.—Explosion at London Bridge, January 2, 1883.—Explosion at the Tower, Westminster Hall, and the Legislative Chamber of the House of Commons.

We have recently had the pleasure of inspecting a magnificent billiard table, the entire frame work of which is made of richly cut crystal glass. It has been manufactured by the executors of the late Joseph Webb, of Stonebridge, for a wealthy East India merchant. The work is very finely executed, and the effect when lit up by a brilliant light, is truly beautiful. This enterprising firm has been very successful lately in obtaining orders from India for crystal glass furniture, and they have now, we understand, another billiard table in hand, in addition to a suite of chairs, &c.—*Pottery Gazette*.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Patrons:—H.E. Sir George Ferguson Bowen, G.C.M.G.; H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir W. Dowell, K.C.B.; H.E. Lieut.-General J. N. Sargent, C.B.; Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G.; Sir George Phillipps; Commander Moran, R.N.

Stewards:—Capt. Pearson, R.N., Col. Walker, R.E., Lt. Col. Crawford, R.A.; Lt. Col. Graves, The Buffs; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. W. Keck; Hon. T. Jackson; C. H. Forbes, Esq.; A. Molver, Esq.; W. G. Murray, Esq.; Major Ward, R.E.; Major Howard, Lt. Col. Jarrett, The Buffs; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. T. A. Le Meurier, Esq.; A. G. C. H. Foss, Esq.; T. A. Le Meurier, Esq.; H. Foss, Esq.; E. Mackean, Esq.; Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Esq.; Commander Davis, R.N.; J. F. Hazeland, Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; R. N. J. Leigh, Esq.; W. Watson Pike, Esq.; M. S.; A. Denison, Esq.; E. Mackean, Esq.; Starter:—H. Foss, Esq.

Clerk of the Course:—H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.

Official Time-Keeper:—J. Bell-Irving, Esq.

Judges:—J. H. Stewart-Lockhart, Esq.; R. F. Leigh, Esq.

Referee:—Major Ward, R.E.

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Their Excellencies the Governor and Lieutenant-General Sargent, Mrs and the Misses Sargent, Hon. W. H. Marsh, Commandant Moran, Colonel Walker, Colonel Crawford, Colonel Graves, Hon. T. Jackson, M. Dejardin, Captain Deane and others. The Stewards were courteous and obliging to all, and if they did not give satisfaction to all, they discharged their onerous duties in a thoroughly painstaking and conscientious manner. The times made by some of the runners were remarkably good, but the results in the jumping competition were somewhat disappointing.

As usual the tug-of-war attracted the most general attention. The result proved somewhat of a surprise. It was generally believed that the Scotch team, which was the heaviest of the three teams entered, would carry off the laurels for the “Lad o’ Cales,” but when the test came, the men from North the Tweed were found easily lacking in backbone. In the trial heats, Scotland pulled against Ireland, and in less than ten seconds, the Irishmen, all sinewy, muscular men, had their heavy and less muscular opponents over the line. The English representatives then pulled a scotch team of artillerymen, who, though they lost ground to start with, gamely recovered it and carried the English over the line with a strong and rapid pull. The final heat was a desperate one. When the signal was given, the rope remained stationary for a few seconds, neither side gaining an inch. Then the Irish, urged by their energetic coach, Lieut. Lloyd, laid down to their work, and, having well together, carried their opponents two good yards near the fatal line. For a second or two the rope again remained stationary, and then the English, with an effort, recovered a foot or two of their lost ground, which they almost immediately after lost, along with a yard more. Another severe strain took place, and then the Irish, with a swing, vanquished the Englishmen, who fought stubbornly to the end. The tug lasted one minute, twenty five seconds.

During the afternoon, the Band of the Buffs, under Bandmaster Kelly, discoursed a popular and pleasing selection of music.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs Sargent distributed the prizes to the successful competitors, and Miss Sharp presented the Captain of the winning team in the tug-of-war with the “Ladies Purse.” Some of the cups presented this year were exceptionally handsome. The following is a description of the various events, together with the results:—

1.—2 P.M.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Winners at previous Meetings at Hongkong and elsewhere to be penalised one yard and half. Prize presented by the Hon. W. Keck.

Winner at last Meeting.—A. H. Jackson (10½ sec.).

Starters:—C. S. Barff, G. A. Caldwell, G. Grimble, C. E. Holworthy, and A. H. Jackson (penalised 1½ yards), W. Watson Pike, and J. C. C. Hendry competed. Hendry made the best throw of the four on the first try, but was beaten by Watson Pike on his second attempt. This was topped by Hendry’s next effort. In his last throw, however, the doctor succeeded in getting another foot or two, but Hendry followed with the best throw of 105 yards, beating Watson Pike by one yard. Barff took third place.

J. C. Hendry.....1
W. Watson Pike.....2
C. S. Barff.....3

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Winner at last meeting.—G. P. Lammet.

H. E. Angier, C. Denkslu, A. H. Jackson, F. W. Koch, and H. N. Thompson appeared to contest this event, and some very fair vaulting ensued. F. W. Koch was the clearest in his spring and recovery, but was very closely approached by Angier who was adjudged second place, being only a point behind the winner. The height was not taken.

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4.—3.30 P.M.—HALF MILE RACE (HANDICAP).—Prize presented by C. D. Bottemore.

Winner at last meeting.—A. H. Jackson (10½ sec.).

Starters:—H. E. Tomkins (scratches), E. L. Lowell, R.N., (6 yards), A. H. Jackson, (15 yards), H. Hayllar (20 yards), and C. A. Lammet (30 yards). Tomkins was the first to start on his journey, the other competitors not getting off so quickly as last year’s winner. A few yards from the starting post Jackson overtook Grimble, who took the ruck, and a splendid race ensued between these two all the way home, the former ultimately coming in about two feet ahead of Grimble in 11 sec., very good time. Holworthy came in a good third, Caldwell fourth, and Barff last.

A. H. Jackson.....1
G. Grimble.....2

2.—2.10 P.M.—PUTTING THE SHOT.—Winners at previous Meetings at Hongkong and elsewhere to be penalised one foot. Prize presented by Club Germania.

Winner at last Meeting.—A. H. Jackson (33 ft. 9 in.).

Only two men appeared to compete in putting the shot, viz., H. N. Thompson and A. H. Jackson. At the second throw Thompson sent the shot (16 lbs.) seventeen inches farther than the farthest throw of his rival.

A. H. Jackson, 33 ft. 9 in.....1
H. N. Thompson, 32 ft. 4 in.....2

3.—120 YARDS FLAT RACE, (HANDICAP).—Prize presented by A. Coxon, Esq.

Winner at last Meeting.—E. J. Chapman (First 2 in each heat to run in the Final).

Starters:—A. H. Jackson (Scratch), J. J. Hazeland (10 yards), A. D. Machado (12 yards), F. A. Hazeland (6 yards), G. Grimble (6 yards), H. Foss, Esq.; W. Watson Pike, Esq., M. S.; E. R. Wood, Esq.

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4.—3.45 P.M.—LONG JUMP.—Winners at previous meetings at Hongkong and elsewhere to be penalised 6 inches. Prize presented by E. E. Sasoon, Esq.

Winner at last Meeting.—W. Watson Pike (20 ft.).

Lieut. Jarrett and Dr. Pike were the only competitors. Pike beat Jarrett’s first jump, but Jarrett at the third try beat Pike by about three inches. Dr. Pike again beat Jarrett, and ultimately won by about an inch, 6 inches less than his last year’s jump.

Dr. Pike (19 feet 6 inches).....1

Lieut. Jarrett (19 feet 5 inches).....2

5.—2.40 P.M.—HIGH JUMP.—Winners at previous Meetings at Hongkong and elsewhere to be penalised 2 inches for one win and 1 inch additional for one win. Prize presented by H. N. Mody, Esq.

Winner

'PUNCH' AND ITS STAFF.

'Punch' has always been a moral and earnest paper. The jungle of its jester's bells has always had a pure tone of veneration for religion, except where the Pope has been concerned. In the old days it was more or less bitter on 'The Scarlet Lady.' Doyle, its great caricaturist, left the paper on that account. But Rome is no longer satirized. Frank Godwin is its latest editor, a Catholic himself. 'Punch' is the national comic paper of England. It has won its way to that position and holds it, because its humor is clean, its fun has a definite purpose, and it can be read in the heart of the family circle.

Mark Lemon was the first editor and practically the founder of 'Punch.' He was Falstaffian in his physical proportions, and often figured in 'Christians Number,' a popular publication as 'Father Christians.' He was an excellent editor, beloved and respected by his contributors, and they included Thackeray, Jorrold, Tom Hood, Gilbert A. Beckett and others. John Tenniel and Leech were his cartoonists. Tommell drew the leading picture up to this day. Mark Lemon was a song-writer and dramatist, and a clever amateur actor. 'All in the Downs; Grand Hotel Opera,' which created a furore at Brighton, was from his pen. It was illustrated with small black figures. 'Evenings from Home' was his; and then came his great success 'Happy Thoughts,' commenced on June 23, 1836. These papers were entitled 'Happy Thought Collected in Happy Hours: including some Instructive Facts in Natural History and other Domestic and Rural Information.' Only intended to run through two or three numbers at most they developed into a work entirely different from the first design, and now form perhaps our most quaint and original series of modern humor. The solemnity of the notes for 'Auspicious Opus Sacrum' have misled a populous German reviewer, who credits the work in a purely philosophical spirit of view and gave the author credit for the gravest intentions. 'A Few Friends,' 'Odd Men Out,' 'Birds, Beasts and Fishes' and 'More Happy Thoughts' followed each other in rapid succession. Mr. Burnand then returned to his early love, and gave us that inimitable travesty, 'Chicken Hazard,' which appeared concurrently in 'Punch' with 'Foul Play' in 'Once a Week.'

It is not generally known that Lemon was never on easy terms with Thackeray. 'I never felt quite at home with him,' so said to me once. Thackeray was always so informally wise. His scenes too great for ordinary conversations. Dickens was very different. He was full of fun and buoyant wit and spirit.

Shirley Brooks succeeded Mark Lemon in the editorial chair. He had for many years been his predecessor's 'right hand man.' He was a handsome, accomplished, scholarly gentleman, and wielded a light, graceful pen. The author of several plays and novels, the wonder is that his work to-day is hardly known at all. One of his novels, 'Sooner or Later,' was singularly bright and pleasant to read. It contained some capital sketches of Club life in London. He wrote among other light, satirical things for 'Punch,' 'The Newcomes,' which were quite worthy of the author of 'The Cauble Lectures.' He began life as a law student, joined the staff of the Morning Chronicle, and traveled in Russia and Syria for that journal to inquire into the questions of labor and to see how the poor lived. His 'Essence of Parliament' was for many years a feature of 'Punch.' Shirley Brooks died he was engaged upon a 'History of Leicester Squares' which Tom Taylor finished. These two editors continued until the last to maintain the high character of the London Chancery as 'Punch' was called, and the paper had a broad and deep influence on the politics of the country. They were both men of mark, imbued with the original faith that humor and satire could do good, and humor and still be wholesome, healthy and gay, so that 'Punch' was, as it is to-day, a favorite in church circles, in the parsonage and in the drawing-room as well as at the clubs.

In the year 1864 Mr. F. C. Burnand was writing for 'Fun.' It occurred to him that to burlesque the sensational novel of the day was an idea that would lead itself to humorous writing and drawing. The editor was not, however, favorably impressed with the suggestion. Mr. Burnand had met Mark Lemon, the editor of 'Punch,' to whom he wrote, asking for an appointment to discuss a good idea for his paper. Mark Lemon invited him to an interview at the Bedford Hotel in Covent Garden. Burnand suggested 'Mokesanna,' to be illustrated after the manner of the 'London Journal'—an illustrated story paper. The editor of 'Punch' at once accepted the proposal, and the burlesque appeared. The chapters were illustrated by Gilbert, Dr. Maule, C. Kaine, Millett and H. G. Brown. The first picture by Gilbert was good, as anything that he ever did for 'Punch' and 'Mokesanna' was the talk of the town. When the work appeared old Mr. Bradbury was very unwell and confined to his bed. His number of 'Punch' that week reached him with the London Journal burlesque folded outside. At first he concluded that the 'Journal' had been sent him by mistake; but when he saw that the page formed really a portion of 'Punch' he did not stay to read a line, but, bounding from his bed, he dressed with wild haste and rushed down to the office. He concluded that in his absence from the work the printers had mixed 'Punch' and the 'Journal' together. 'Stop, 'Punch! ' he exclaimed; 'stop the machine! You have got a page of the 'Journal' in the form.' And it required considerable explanation before the printer and proprietor really understood the thing. I don't believe he ever saw the humor of it. Thackeray was, No., he said, 'it is not mine; but it is not very funny!' Thackeray was the first to burn and met among the 'Punch' writers, and he introduced him at the table in these words: 'Gentlemen—the new boy is coming.' Years before this Burnand had once contributed to 'Punch.' It was during his undergraduate days at Cambridge. He sent a suggestive drawing to the editor on 'The Moustache Movement.' The sketch was reproduced by Mr. John Leech, who did not alter the faces, and one was a close likeness of Mr. Hadley, the senior Dean of Trinity.

Mr. Burnand worked industriously and with marked success from the first moment that he became a member of the 'Punch' brotherhood. 'The Out-Door Gamester' quickly followed 'Mokesanna.' He wrote 'Shadows of the Week,' which consisted

chiefly of dramatic criticisms, some in the novel form of dialogues on and off the stage. 'How, When and Where' was a popular serial illustrated in the happiest vein of Charles Keene. This was republished under the title of 'Tricks for Tourists,' and again reproduced without illustrations, in a 'Handy volume,' and called 'Out-of-Town.' The latter 'Spoken by a Dancer,' which appeared during the agitation for the protection of baller girls from the danger of fire on the stage, was written by Mr. Burnand at the special request of the editor. In the extra Tercentenary number of 'Punch,' April 23, 1864, Mr. Burnand wrote 'An Unpublished Play of Shakespeare, with Notes.' There followed two serials, 'Croquet; a Popish Plot,' which ran through half a dozen numbers, and 'Quiet Towns.' 'Happy Hours in Town' was his next contribution, and 'Home'—Our Company—There and Back for Three and Six.'

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